

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-15 below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or double brackets (i.e., ~~[[patent]]~~) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. (Amended) An apparatus ~~[[and method]]~~ for rapid removal of fluids contained within reservoirs in automotive or similar transportation vehicles comprising:

[[a]] a flexible hose having a proximal end opposite a distal end; ~~[[and]]~~

means of attachment of ~~[[the]]~~ said distal end of said hose to ~~[[the]]~~ a vehicle's ~~[[dipstick tube or similar access point to the]]~~ fluid reservoirs access point within the vehicle ;~~[[and]]~~

[[b]] flexible hose with flow directional valve at said proximal end with coupling suitable for attachment to ~~[[the]]~~ a fill port of ~~[[the]]~~ a storage canister; and

[[c]] said storage canister suitable to hold fluids of various viscosities' and corrosive characteristics ~~[[such as]]~~ selected from the group comprising oil, lubricants, cleaning agents, and coolants used within the vehicle.
2. (Amended) The storage container as claimed in claim 1 ~~[[having a volume usable for storage of more than one vehicle oil change]]~~ further comprising:

a volume usable for storage of more than one vehicle oil change;

[[a]] a fluid pump powered by an electric motor; and

[[b]] a retractable power chord.

3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ~~[[container]]~~ storage canister further comprises:

[includes] a screen filter; and

a magnetic separator;

wherein aid filter and said separate [to] capture metallic debris and solid contaminants.
4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ~~[[container includes]]~~ storage canister comprises:

[inlet and outlet] at least one access ~~[[ports]]~~ port in fluid communication between an
interior of said container and an exterior of said container; and

[with] an integral seal and quick release hose attachment affixed to said port; and

a [with] spill proof check valve .
5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ~~[[container]]~~ storage canister is provided with [wheel] wheel means to enable ease of positioning and movement of said container.
6. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said ~~[[positioning]]~~ wheel means is comprised ~~[[in the preferred embodiment]]~~ of a captured ball ~~[[that facilitates]]~~ capable of facilitating steering through 360 degrees of directional change.

7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[3]]~~ 4, where said ~~[[outlet and inlet]]~~ ports include an integral molded in place seal ~~[[similar to an o-ring]]~~ and ~~[[contain]]~~ a molded in place flow control valve ~~[[comprised in the preferred embodiment]]~~ of a reed / slit valve type.
8. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ~~[[container]]~~ storage canister is fabricated ~~[[as a one piece molding made from a plastic such as polypropylene or as a weldment assembly of metallic components made]]~~ from corrosion resistant materials selected from the group comprising plastic, polypropylene, and metals such as 316L Stainless Steel ~~[[or]]~~ and Titanium.
9. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ~~[[container is provided with the]]~~ storage canister further comprises means of determining fluid level ~~[[by employing transparent plastics, or incorporation of a fluid level gauge]]~~.
10. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said ~~[[fluid level gauge]]~~ means of determining fluid level is comprised ~~[[in the preferred embodiment]]~~ of a graduated flexible clear tube.
11. (Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 wherein said ~~[[container]]~~ storage canister is provided with a handle that enables lifting the device, as well as transporting the device by tilting the device to an angle upon which the transport wheels are engaged to freely

rotate.

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12. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [[1]] 2 wherein said [[container]] storage canister is provided with a self-retracting power chord.
13. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said power chord is comprised [[within the preferred embodiment]] of a flexible cable enclosing electrical conductors incorporating a constant force spring spool enabling ease of extraction and retraction.
14. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [[1]] 2 wherein said fluid pump is [[comprised within the preferred embodiment as]] a positive displacement vane pump with reversible electric motor thus enabling pressure filling and pressure discharge of the fluids within the container.
15. (Amended) [[The]] A method for using the apparatus within claim 1, wherein the method for rapid removal of fluids from a vehicle [[is comprised]] comprises the steps:
 - a) placement of the apparatus within a proximal distance of the vehicle[[and.]];
 - b) connection of the fill flexible hose to the inlet port of the container; and[[,]]
 - c) connection of the power chord to an active electrical outlet.

Please add the following new claims:

16 (New) An apparatus for removing the oils and lubricants from an automotive or similar transportation vehicles, said apparatus comprising:

means of coupling to the vehicle's fluid reservoir;

a fluid storage canister;

an electrically driven positive displacement pump in fluid communication between said means of coupling to the vehicles fluid reservoir and said fluid storage container; and

automatic shut off means for controlling and stopping said pump when a desired amount of fluid is removed from said vehicle's fluid reservoir.

17 (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said fluid storage container of a light-weight modular construction that enables ease of movement of the apparatus for storage and transport for disposable of the spent lubricants and oils.